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Thanks.

I won't be in tomorrow morning. So initiate alternative acquisition of bag o' bis....

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Another edge of Bayou Corne sinkhole caves in Thursday

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BAYOU CORNE — The outer edge of a sinkhole in Assumption Parish has caved in for a second time in three days, parish officials said Thursday.



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A 25-foot-long section of embankment fell in Thursday morning after a 200-foot-long section had fallen in Tuesday evening, parish officials said in blog posts this week.

The sinkhole was found on the property of Texas Brine Co. LLC of Houston on Aug. 3 and has had occasional edge collapses since then, a situation Texas Brine and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources officials have said is expected.

The falling edges are filling in part of the sinkhole as the hole, also known as a slurry area or slurry hole, finds its level.

Texas Brine officials have said they expect the sinkhole, which at one point had a measured deep spot of 422 feet, to become a shallow depression.

The latest collapse, or slough in, happened on the east side of the sinkhole. Several trees were lost in the collapse, which went out about 40 feet from the edge and took in about 1,000 square feet of earth, parish officials said.

The collapse on Tuesday happened on the southwest corner of the sinkhole near a pipeline corridor and pulled down 4,000 square feet of earth, parish officials said.

Over the past few weeks, the sinkhole had a relatively stable period, even through Hurricane Isaac, with the edge not having any apparent cave-ins, Texas Brine spokesman Sonny Cranch has said.

John Boudreaux, director of the Assumption Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, said Thursday that Texas Brine has set up instruments around the sinkhole that should be able to show why the latest collapses have occurred.

He said he has asked for that information from Texas Brine.

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